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1. The loading of troops at the Kindel troop training grounds was started on the evening of 6 October. Billeting equipment and trucks were loaded on two trains at the Mechterstaedt railroad station. On 8 October, loading operations were also observed at the Eisenach railroad station from where two shipments, including one with an engineer unit, were dispatched toward Eisenach.¹
2. Two trains were made available for loading at Angersdorf, near Halle, and at the Altenburg railroad station on both 8 and 9 October.²
3. Six troop trains carrying units of the 18th Mechanized Division were dispatched from the Dranse and Wittstock railroad stations toward Pritzwalk.
4. Elements of the 9th Mechanized Division returned to Cottbus from Forst Tauer between 7 and 9 October.
5. Two trains carrying guns, motor vehicles and billeting equipment of the 34th Artillery Division were unloaded at the Wildpark railroad station on 13 October. The shipments were subsequently transferred to the barracks in Nedlitz.

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Comments:

1. Units of the XXIX Guards Rifle Corps leaving for their posts or for final exercises.
2. Probably the transfer of elements of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division and of army artillery units to the Erfurt-Jena-Apolda-Weimar area where exercises are presumably being held.

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